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Field Crops Report

As of November 23, **cotton** harvested was reported at 65 percent complete, compared with 82 percent last year and 81 percent for the five-year average.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 54 percent not being harvested, 7 percent light, 16 percent moderate and 23 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 34 percent good and 54 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 25 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 18 percent good and 14 percent excellent. Livestock were reported to be in fair condition. Stock Water was reported as short. Soil Moisture was reported as short. Insect Damage was reported as light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons.

Western Arizona producers shipped boston lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, honeydews, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, radishes, romaine lettuce and spinach last week.

Citrus producers harvested grapefruit, lemons and tangerines in western Arizona last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were average for the week ending November 22. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal at Gila Bend, to 3 degrees above normal at several locations. The highest temperature of the week was 83 degrees at Coolidge and Phoenix, while the lowest reading was 22 degrees at Winslow. Precipitation was reported at 4 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Prescott, to 0.25 inches at Grand Canyon.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 16 TO NOVEMBER 22, 2003

FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 16 TO NOVEMBER 22, 2003							
	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
Station	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	40	2	64	24	0.00	7.18	8.72
Casa Grande	58	0	82	39	0.00	6.32	8.02
Coolidge	57	1	83	39	0.00	4.97	8.26
Douglas	51	3	77	34	0.00	6.69	12.54
Flagstaff	35	3	57	25	0.07	16.91	20.60
Gila Bend	61	-1	82	43	0.00	8.24	6.05
Grand Canyon	36	1	60	25	0.25	14.04	15.08
Kingman	50	1	72	34	0.16	6.32	9.02
Parker	60	1	82	44	0.00	3.30	4.52
Payson	45	3	67	29	0.00	19.43	19.92
Phoenix	60	2	83	48	0.00	6.63	7.13
Prescott Airport	43	3	68	30	0.01	12.34	12.99
Safford Ag Center	51	3	73	36	0.00	4.72	8.72
Tucson	58	2	81	41	0.00	9.87	10.95
Willcox	49	3	75	33	0.00	5.50	11.86
Winslow	42	3	72	22	0.00	1.84	7.38
Yuma	63	1	81	50	0.00	1.90	2.52

^{1/} Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

^{2/} Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.